

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: De Maria et al.

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
2. All required fees were charged to Novozymes North America, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 50-1701 at the time of electronic filing. The USPTO is authorized to charge this Deposit Account should any additional fees be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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